

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY DOHA  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY MANAMA  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PLOS  
SUBJECT: LOS: PERSIAN GULF AND RED SEA

REF: (A) STATE 73110, (B) MUSCAT 107, (C) 76 KUWAIT 1295.

1. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD CONFIRM REPORT (REFTEL)  
THAT THE PERSIAN GULF STATES ARE CONSIDERING A CLOSED  
SEA CONCEPT FOR THE PERSIAN GULF. IN THE COURSE OF CONTACTS  
WITH KUWAITI MFA REGARDING THE NEXT LOS CONFERENCE, HOWEVER,  
WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE OCCASION TO DISCUSS FREEDOM OF  
NAVIGATION ISSUES WITH AT LEAST ONE OF THE MFA OFFICERS WHO  
ATTENDED THE BAGHDAD SESSION OF THE ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, AND WE WILL MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES.  
IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE LONGSTANDING IRANIAN PROPOSAL FOR  
INNOCENT PASSAGE IN THE GULF, WHICH IRAQ HAS TRADITIONALLY  
OPPOSED, HAS OMANI SUPPORT (REF B), AND AS OF ABOUT A  
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YEAR AGO REPORTEDLY WAS SUPPORTED BY KUWAIT AND SOME OTHER  
SMALL GULF STATES ON SECURITY GROUNDS (REF C). WHILE  
THE SUBSEQUENT AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1976 LOS CONFERENCE MAY HAVE  
LAID TO REST THE ISSUE OF TRANSIT PASSAGE THROUGH STRAIT OF  
HORMUZ, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT SOME GULF STATES WOULD  
SUPPORT A PROPOSAL WHICH, IN THEIR VIEW, IMPROVED GULF  
SECURITY BY LIMITING ACCESS BY WARSHIPS OF NON-LITTORAL STATES.

2. RECOMMEND THAT USINT BAGHDAD AND EMBASSY TEHRAN ALSO  
BE QUERIED ON THIS MATTER.  
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